

Traffic Stop Leads to Arrest of Smyrna Man for Theft of Construction Materials - Millsboro/Lewes

Millsboro/Lewes- The Delaware State Police have arrested Michael Irwin, 45, of Smyrna, DE, in connection with multiple thefts from construction sites.

Since the end of April 2020, Troopers began investigating reports of thefts from construction sites in developments under construction in the Millsboro and Lewes area.

On April 29, 2020, at approximately 11:20 p.m., Troopers were on routine patrol in the area of Tributary Boulevard, Millsboro, when they observed a black Ford Ranger pulling a trailer traveling with no lights on. A traffic stop was conducted, and contact was made with the operator who was identified as Irwin. Through further investigation, Troopers determined Irwin was driving under the influence of alcohol and was taken into custody. In clear view in the bed of the trailer, Troopers observed construction packaging that were consistent with materials that have been reported stolen. It was determined through investigative measures the property in Irwin's possession was stolen.

Irwin was transported to Troop 4 where he was processed and charged with the following crimes:

- 3rd Offense DUI (felony)
- Improper Lights
- Driving While Suspended
- Failure to have Insurance in Possession
- Failure to have Registration in Possession
- Theft over \$1500.00

- Theft under \$1500.00
- Trespass 3rd Degree (2 counts)
- Failure to Obey an Emergency Order

He was arraigned before Justice of the Peace Court and was committed to Sussex Correctional Institution on \$2,503.00.

Detectives with Troop 4 Criminal Investigations Unit (CIU) continue to investigate this case, and additional charges could be filed against Irwin pending the result of their investigation. Anyone with information regarding this case is asked to contact Detective D. Yencer or Detective P. Taylor at Troop 4 at (302) 856-5850. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware crime stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at <http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com>

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@state.de.us.

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